

Remarks

This Election is in response to the restriction issued in the Office Action on October 19, 2004. Within the Office Action, a restriction requirement was issued, stating that a species of configuration of the ion generator is required for search purposes.

The Applicants elect without traverse Claims 102-126, 154, 155, 158-165 and 167-171 which are drawn at least to a trailing electrode having at least a portion that is triangular in shape. The Applicants submit that the configuration claimed in Independent claims 102, 154, 155, 169, 170 and 171 is directed to a configuration that is able to be searched without excessive burden to the Examiner.

The Applicants are canceling Claims 153, 156, 157, and 166 without prejudice or disclaimer of the inventions therein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims in 153, 156, 157, and 166 in divisional applications.

The Applicants have also amended Claims 154, 158-165, 167-168 and 171. The Applicants are also adding new dependent Claims 172-175.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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